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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

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No. 54-L.T.C.(P.N.)/56.—It has been reported that a surcharge of 15 per cent. has been levied on freight in respect of consignments shipped from U.K. and other Continental countries owing to the Suez Canal crisis as the shipments are being diverted *via* Cape of Good Hope. There is also a reported increase in the insurance charges.

2. It has been represented that several consignments against the orders placed on the foreign suppliers would be ready packed awaiting despatch and shipment, and it will not be possible to change the packings to keep the value of the goods within the c.i.f. value of the licences issued.

3. It has, therefore, been decided that in the case of shipments effected from the 1st of November 1956 upto the middle of December, 1956 any excess over the c.i.f. value of the licences caused due to increase in freight and insurance charges would be condoned by the Customs Authorities. The licensees will not be required to produce the licences to the licensing authorities for amendment of the value. The Customs Authorities will allow clearance against the licences on production of the documentary evidence to show that freight and insurance charges at the enhanced rates have accounted for the increase. Cases may also arise in which the shipments effected during the month of October were diverted *via* Cape of Good Hope causing increase in freight charges. In such cases also the excesses over the c.i.f. value to the extent of increased freight charges will be condoned.

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